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HIGH TEMPERATURE STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM

the specification of which:

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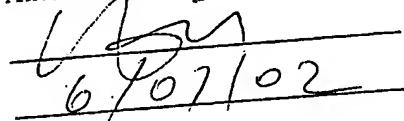
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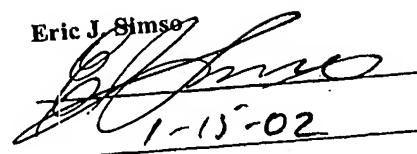
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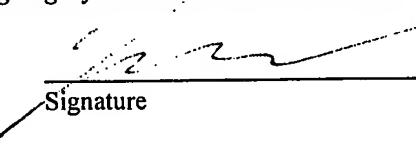
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WHEREAS, I(we), Eric J. Simso
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HIGH TEMPERATURE STENT DELIVERY SYSTEM

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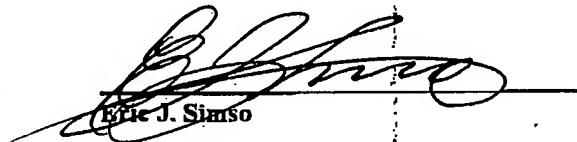
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